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Subject: Please submit to committee for 8 am meeting June 30, 2011 - SB4746

Honorable committee members and Chair,

Please submit our statement for the record to the Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes committee meeting.

We urge you to vote no on bill 4746 on June 30th, 2011.

Our specific concerns reflect those of Sally Santeford and Kevin Grzelak from their statements. Also specific to our quality of life, passing this bill will allow the illegal operation behind our house that we spent tens of thousands of dollars to stop operating to open again.

We appreciate this committee trying to accommodate companies to aid in economic growth, but feel this bill gives carte blanche to all of Michigan's natural resources - something I would have thought this committee was organized to protect. We understand you might be passing this bill out of fear that environmental groups will be able to control local governing units in order to eliminate any extractions; this would not be ideal or logical for the state to accept either. This seems to be catering to the aggregate association without regard for individual needs. A bill that balances both is what we need - this is not balanced.

Our economic problems in this state will not be rectified by passing this bill before the summer recess. If there is a need to pass this bill, it needs to be done in a manner that is fair to all. This is no small matter and needs attention to detailed wording that will work for all parties.

Please consider all the statements and information that have been presented thus far opposing this bill - there are far too many reasons to not pass this bill then to pass it.

Thank you for your time,
Vic and Emily Betterly